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SUBJECT: XCSS WORK ON RAW MATERIALS AND POSSIBLE

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION: TRADE COMMITTEE

MEETING OF APRIL 30

REF: A. STATE 097097

B. OECD PARIS 10750

1. SUMMARY. MOST DELS AT APRIL 30 TC MEETING EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN CATALOG OF POLICY OPTIONS PROVIDED BY SECRETARIAT PAPER CE(75)5, WHILE AT SAME TIME STRESSING NEED FOR MORE WORK AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS ON COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY BASIS. MANY EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT NEED FOR OR FEASIBILITY OF "EMERGENCY ACTION." RE MINISTERIAL, MOST DELS FELT MINISTERS COULD NOT IGNORE COMMODITY ISSUE IN COMMUNIQUE, BUT MANY DOUBTED THAT IN SHORT TIME REMAINING ANYTHING

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WORTHY OF "DECLARATION" STATUS COULD BE WORKED OUT ON

SUCH A COMPLEX SUBJECT. THERE WAS NEARLY UNANIMOUS FEELING THAT ANY MINISTERIAL STATEMENT SHOULD BE OF GENERAL NATURE AND, TO AVOID BEING COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, NOT MERELY REPEAT TIME-WORN POSITIONS. SECRETARIAT WILL MAKE ORAL REPORT TO XCSS OF TC DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARIAT PAPERS: ALL DELS WELCOMED PAPERS PREPARED FOR XCSS AND PARTICULARLY CATALOG OF OPTIONS IN CE(75)5. US, EC, CANADA AND JAPAN URGED IMPROVEMENTS IN ANALYTICAL UNDERPINNINGS. SEVERAL DELS EMPHASIZED COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY APPROACH REQUIRED. US, UK, FRANCE AND JAPAN NOTED DOUBTS ABOUT NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF EMERGENCY ACTION PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH FRANCE THOUGHT COPPER PARTICULARLY RIPE FOR POSITIVE APPROACH TO STABILIZATION. SECRETARIAT, DEFENDING EMPHASIS ON EMERGENCY ACTION AND ON INVESTMENT PROBLEM, REFERRED TO CONSIDERABLE BODY OF EVIDENCE COLLECTED IN ITS RESEARCHES (BUT NOT REPRODUCED OR DISTRIBUTED) THAT MANY INVESTMENT PLANS HAVE BEEN CANCELED OR POSTPONED. US (PER REF B) SUGGESTED EC'S STABEX BE ADDED TO LIST OF OPTIONS; EC COMMISSION SAID IT WAS MAKING SUBMISSION TO OECD ON ITS SCHEME, WHICH IT AGREED MIGHT BE SUBJECT OF TCWP DISCUSSION. SWEDEN, REFERRING TO IEA AGREEMENT THAT ACTION ON COMMODITIES IMPORTANT TO ENERGY DIALOGUE, MADE STRONG STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF EMERGENCY ACTION, PROPOSING TC BE GIVEN MANDATE TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF COORDINATED STOCKPILE ARRANGEMENTS FOR KEY COMMODITIES LIMITED IN DURATION AND USE OF INSTRUMENTS. THIS IDEA GAINED NO SUPPORT, HOWEVER.

3. MINISTERIAL: IN RESPONSE TO URGING OF TC CHAIRMAN HERMES, VIRTUALLY ALL DELS WHO SPOKE ADDRESSED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON RAW MATERIALS. US OPENED (PER REF A) BY INDICATING IT HAD NOT MADE UP ITS MIND ON USEFULNESS OF DECLARATION AND HAD DOUBTS

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WHETHER OECD WOULD BE IN POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING CON-  
CRETE ENOUGH TO HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON RELATIONS  
WITH LDC'S. EC COMMISSION (PHAN VAN PHI) SAID THAT,  
WHILE IT WAS CONVINCED OF POLITICAL NEED TO SAY SOMETHING  
AT MINISTERIAL, CONTENT WAS DIFFICULT QUESTION. UK, ON  
BASIS OF PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM SHORT TIME  
REMAINING, TOOK NEGATIVE POSITION ON DECLARATION,  
FAVORING BRIEF PASSAGE IN COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING GENERAL  
CONCERN AND WILLINGNESS TO LOOK AT NEW APPROACHES.

4. FRENCH SAID THAT ANY DECLARATION MUST BE GOOD ENOUGH  
NOT TO DISAPPOINT LDC'S. SWEDEN ADVOCATED STRONG POLICY  
STATEMENT IN COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING EXPRESSION OF CONCERN  
AND COMMITMENT TO NEW POLICY APPROACH' AND SWISS AGREED,  
SUGGESTING CONTENT INCLUDE STATEMENT OF WHAT OECD WAS  
DOING TO STUDY PROBLEM AND REFERENCE TO CONVERGING PRO-  
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DUCER/CONSUMER INTERESTS; LATTER THEME WAS EXPRESSED BY  
A NUMBER OF OTHER DELS ALSO. NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA SUP-  
PORTED DECLARATION IDEA, BUT JAPANESE THOUGHT IT UNREAL-  
ISTIC TO HAVE ANYTHING BY END OF MAY.

5. CANADIAN DEL (BERNES) URGED CAUTION ON ANYTHING  
WHICH WOULD MAKE OECD LOOK LIKE "CONSUMER CLUB," AND  
SUGGESTED APPROPRIATE MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE WOULD  
INCLUDE GENERAL STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO PRODUCER/  
CONSUMER COOPERATION AND WILLINGNESS TO SEEK JOINT  
SOLUTION TO COMMODITY PROBLEMS IN APPROPRIATE FORA.

HE STATED CANADIAN OPPOSITION TO ANY ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP  
COMMON OECD VIEWPOINT ON PARTICULAR COMMODITIES OR  
POLICY OPTIONS.  
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